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## AFL SUPPORTS 1951 MARCH OF DIMES

Through the years of war crisis and uncertain peace, the American Federation of Labor has been called upon to support many heroic causes, many humanitarian appeals. It has borne its share of the burden—and more.

In January, the membership of the AFL once again will be asked to support the March of Dimes—the nation's main armor in the war against polio. That our whole-hearted support will freely be given is assured. What we must bear in mind today, is the fact that the needs created by three years of record-breaking polio epidemics have forced unprecedented financial demands upon the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. As President Green has pointed out, the March of Dimes must raise \$50,000,000 in 1951 to meet the staggering costs of patient-care and to continue its scientific warfare against the disease itself—a campaign being waged by the most competent scientists in the most modern laboratories of the nation.

In the last three years, polio has stricken more than 100,000 children and adults in the United States. Four out of five of these Americans needed and received help from the March of Dimes. This is why the National Foundation's case-load is now the heaviest in history and why its financial need is the greatest. Adding enormously to this urgency is the order in which the last epidemics have struck. The heavy toll of 1950—second highest in history—followed immediately upon the record polio disaster of 1949, while the outbreak of 1948 stands in third place. The National Foundation had no time to "rearm" between nationwide epidemics.

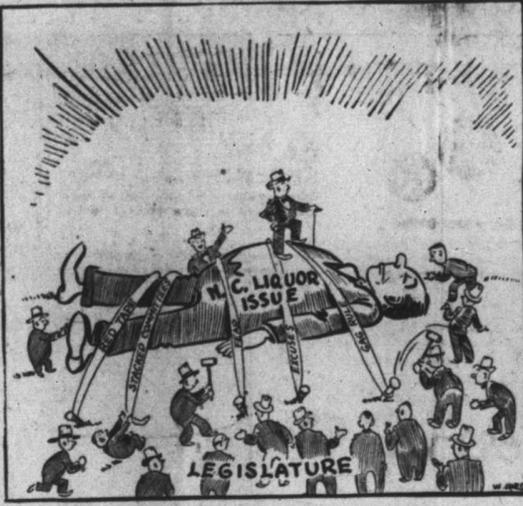
In pledging support to the 1951 March of Dimes, President Green has informed the National Foundation that "our members and their families stricken with polio are the chief beneficiaries of your program."

Once more, the American Federation of Labor supports the March of Dimes.

## CAPITAL REPORTER

Scott Summers

### MODERN GULLIVER



RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 10—Last General Assembly session Senator Julian Allsbrook of Halifax joined with Representatives John Umstead of Orange, Roger Kiser of Scotland and Roy Taylor of Buncombe to head the fight for school forces in the joint appropriations committee.

This quartet kicked up a lot of fuss, and were to a great extent responsible for teacher pay raises and the legislature voting \$25,000,000 of State money for local school building.

Economy leaders saw to it that this foursome—back for the 1951 session—was put on the joint finance committee, apparently figuring that the quartet could sing all it likes but won't be able to do much about boosting appropriations.

The boys are getting their heads together, though, and show signs of making the finance committee interesting to watch. There's a possibility that they'll try to raise revenue, then say "here's the money, boys, now let's raise the teachers' pay."

That would be a new switch, to say the least.

Conservative-liberal forces seem to be about evenly split in the Senate, with liberals—believe it or not—maybe having a slight edge. On the House side, the conservatives seem to be in the saddle by a half-dozen or so votes. The latter could give the Republicans the final say, if they can swing their 10 votes as a bloc, and lift them out of the legislative observer class.

A bill has been drawn up designed to put former Judge Luther Hamilton of Morehead City back on the retired list and to restore the back pay held up recently. As you may recall, Judge Hamilton retired because of "total disability" one day before he would have had his Superior Court judgeship taken away. He subsequently held special terms of court, which the Supreme Court ruled he did not have the right to do. The Supreme Court inferred further that holding those courts, Hamilton had automatically "unretired" himself and was no longer entitled to the more than \$500 a month pension. Attorney General Harry McMullan later ruled that Hamilton's pay check should be withheld.

This bill, which may be introduced this week, would say in effect that once a judge is retired he legally stays retired. Although it does not mention Hamilton, it would put him back on the retired list legally and restore the pay he has lost since McMullan's ruling.

Two years ago, the House had passed an appropriations bill that, among other things, called for a

\$2,200-\$3,100 pay scale for teachers. The purse-pinching senate refused to go along, and referred the bill to the Senate appropriations committee.

Twenty-three members of that committee sat down to whittle on the bill. School forces could count 11 sure votes. Economy-minded forces could count 11 sure votes. The 23rd man was Senator Paul Jones of Pitt, a dentist, who was vitally interested in a \$1,000,000 appropriations for a dental school at the University of North Carolina.

The school forces thought Dr. Jones would vote for them. But when the tally was made, it was 12-11 in favor of knocking off the pay raise for the school teachers and putting it on the now-famous contingency basis.

But the million dollars for the dental school—which had been threatened with the economy knife—was left in the appropriations bill.

Ironically, that dental school has not been built and is on the list of permanent improvements that Economy Leader Grady Rankin of Gastonia has intimated will be studied with surgery in mind.

Dr. Jones also has a bill of much importance to him in the hopper. It would appropriate \$70,000 to buy land for Eastern Carolina Teachers' College in his home town of Greenville. It seemed headed for a quick okay by the Senate appropriations committee, then suddenly was stopped and held up for later action.

Could it be that economy forces will save the \$70,000 E. S. T. C. bill over Dentist Jones' head for later bargaining purposes?

If you've ever been in Raleigh, you know that the restaurants are rushed from noon until about 1:30 or 2 p. m. State employees sometimes have a struggle getting fed within their allotted lunch hour.

When the plans for the new State Highway Building were drawn up, they included electric and water outlets in the basement so that that space might someday be used as a restaurant.

The N. C. Restaurant Association objected, seeing signs of the State going into the restaurant business, but nothing came of it. In recent weeks, however, the restaurateurs have been up in arms, with the law firm of Simms and Simms—former Wake Senator Bob Simms, Jr., and father—leading the charge.

They claim that if a restaurant is put in the Highway Building basement it would put the State into competition with private enterprise. They see it as a "foot-in-the-door" proposition, with other future state office buildings doing the same thing.

They are afraid the State will start operating these restaurants.

In the other hand, Doc Jordan says the outlets were put there for future possibilities. If the lunch-hour rush gets worse, he thinks it might be good business for the State to lease the space to a private operator so that employees would have a handy place to eat. Staggering lunch hours would mean a two-hour loss of employees' time, he says.

"It's a straight business proposition, as far as I'm concerned," Jordan says. "If it's good business for a mill to have a restaurant for its employees, then it's good business for the state to arrange for a restaurant where its employees can eat. Furthermore, the restaurant would be leased to private operators so that state would not be in competition with the restaurant folks."

Doc Jordan claims he is the last man to want to see the State enter competition with private business. As a textile mill owner, a member of the National Association of Manufacturers, and a member of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, his claim should hold water.

Recently the Attorneys Simms sent Jordan a letter, promising legal action to stop allocation of Highway Building space as a restaurant if the building plans weren't changed.

Since the contracts have been let, Jordan says he doesn't see how the building can be changed.

Meantime, the restaurant folks are in this position: They feel they might not be able to stop the highway building arrangement for a possible future restaurant through legal action. They are not sure they could stop the actual operation of a restaurant in the building by court action. They would like to have the legislature bar such procedure on the part of the highway commission if they can't stop it in the courts.

But court action without the highway commission attempting to set up a restaurant would be silly.

Any legislation might have the far-reaching effect of barring the State from operating road machinery, having prisoners work on the roads, and abolish all prison industries, such as making motor license plates. An act that would bar the restaurant could even go so far as to prohibit the operation of state farms.

### OFF THE BEAM

#### Account Closed

It was his first experience as a shop assistant. "Have you an account here, ma'am?" he asked, after booking a customer's order. "No!" was the reply, "but I would like to see the manager." The assistant walked cross to where the manager stood. "A lady of no account to see you, sir," he said.

#### Too, Too Funny

"Now, I want everyone to write me a short description of the funniest thing they ever saw," the teacher said to her class. After five minutes she saw that one of her pupils had put down his pencil and had apparently completed his composition. "Surely, you haven't finished already?" she asked. "Oh, yes, I have miss," was the answer. "The funniest thing I ever saw was too funny for words."

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February 2 is Ground Hog Day—and all "trigger happy" North Carolinians should know that one of North Carolina's favorite characters in history, Daniel Boone, was born February 11, 1735.  
February 26-March 2—Pinehurst Seniors Golf Championships.  
Yes, there is plenty of work and play for all, in North Carolina next month—it's early planting time for a host of garden vegetables, to say nothing of cotton, corn, oats, onions, turnips, potatoes.  
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